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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claim 80. Please amend claims 81-85. Please add new claims 86 and 87. The Listing of Claims below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1-80. (Cancelled)
- 81. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[80]] 86, wherein-the assistance information is provided to the <u>plurality of client terminals</u> through a trade wizard helper program.
- 82. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[80]] 86, wherein the predetermined, eustomizable one or more business rules are designed to limit the elient's a risk in trading financial instruments and can be applied in real time.
- 83. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[80]] 86, wherein thea user of the one or more financial advisor eemputerterminals can make corrections to information that the client transmits from the client computer to the brokerage interfacegach electronic trade order.
- 84. (Currently amended) The system of claim 83, wherein the user of the <u>one or more</u> financial advisor eomputerterminals can make the corrections in real-time.
- (Currently amended) The system of claim [[80]] 86, wherein the second alert message includes reasons why the trade-was-blockednon-validated trade order was not validated.

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86. (New) A financial server system for trading comprising:

a plurality of client terminals;

one or more financial advisor terminals; and

a server configured to:

receive a plurality of electronic trade orders from the plurality of client terminals over a communication network, each electronic trade order comprising a request to trade a financial instrument:

for each electronic trade order, transmit an alert message in real-time over the communication network to the one or more financial advisor terminals, each alert message comprising information obtained from the electronic trade order;

validate the information obtained from each of the plurality of electronic trade orders according to one or more business rules;

transmit results from validation of the plurality of electronic trade orders to the plurality of client terminals, the results indicating whether an electronic trade order is validated or not validated;

further transmit to those client terminals associated with a validated electronic trade order a request for confirmation of the validated electronic trade order and executing the validated electronic trade order upon receipt of the requested confirmation; and

for those client terminals associated with a non-validated trade order, further transmit an alert message in real-time to the one or more financial advisor terminals including information associated with the non-validated trade order.

87. (New) A computerized method for trading in a financial server system comprising: receiving a plurality of electronic trade orders from a plurality of client terminals over a communication network, each electronic trade order comprising a request to trade a financial instrument:

for each electronic trade order, transmitting an alert message in real-time over the communication network to one or more financial advisor terminals, each alert message comprising information obtained from the electronic trade order; Applicants: Breslow et al. U.S.S.N.: 09/476,448 Filed: December 30, 1999 Page 4 of 10

validating the information obtained from each of the plurality of electronic trade orders according to one or more business rules;

transmitting results from validation of the plurality of electronic trade orders to the plurality of client terminals, the results indicating whether an electronic trade order is validated or not validated;

further transmitting to those client terminals associated with a validated electronic trade order a request for confirmation of the validated electronic trade order and executing the validated electronic trade order upon receipt of the requested confirmation; and

for those client terminals associated with a non-validated trade order, further transmitting an alert message in real-time to the one or more financial advisor terminals including information associated with the non-validated trade order.